

**BLOOMFIELD YOUTH ADULT COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES – SEPTEMBER 6, 2016**

**Attendance: Shander George, Raeleen McMillan, Carla Ladson, Yolanda Jenkins, Joyce Betts, Hector Colon, Roger Bunker, Donna Maitland-Ward, Breonna Sykes, Pat Maneggia**

1. Meeting called to order at 6:03p.m.
2. Roll Call
3. Motion made and carried to accept minutes as amended for May 2016
4. Fiscal Outlook 2016-2017
  - a. Department funds from the Town of Bloomfield carried expenses from 7/1 – present day. No new or supplemental programs or services were offered during the first quarter that would be charged to state grants. Practice will continue until the status of grants for this fiscal year is confirmed. Applies to 2 grants from the State Department of Education.
  - b. CASAC grant application is due by 12/31/2016. Prevention grant is funded federally. No reductions anticipated for the current fiscal year.
  - c. Bloomfield Foster Care Support Network – Grant funded by the Department of Children and Families. Third year of 5 year contract. At this time, 100% funded.
  - d. After-School sub-contract with Bloomfield Public Schools for programming with Carmen Arace Intermediate School and Carmen Arace Middle School. State Department of Education has not released funds for this fiscal year. Entering 2nd year of 2 year contract. Reduction in funding anticipated in the range of 10-15%.
5. Capital Area Substance Abuse Council Local Prevent Grant – Members discussed the potential use and options for funding for Fiscal Year 2016-2017. Grant amount allocated by the department of Mental Health Addiction Services to the town is \$4,138. Motion made and carried to submit application with 60% of funding dedicated to safe and substance free alternative activities and 40% dedicated to educational activities.
6. Summer Camps
  - e. Peer Power Plus Camp – Focus on character, citizenship and volunteerism. Two week camp for youth entering 4th-7th grades. Teambuilding adventures, community service projects with Senior Services including Foodshare and an intergenerational luncheon and game day. Enjoyed trips to the town pool, bowling, Launch Trampoline Park, Lake Compounce and Indian Notch Park at Bolton Lake. Youth participant surveys rated camp as an excellent experience.
  - f. A+ Camp : Arts and Adventures – Campers focused on safe and healthy lifestyles for youth. Using positive messaging designed and completed prevention posters, quilts for elementary schools, a PSA and personal t-shirts. Volunteered twice at Foodshare Distribution at Senior Services. Three week camp for youth entering 6th-8th grade. Also enjoyed trips to Launch Trampoline Park, bowling, NOMADS Adventures, movies and TCBY and swims at the town pool. Youth participant surveys rated camp as an excellent experience.
  - g. CAMP PRO TEEN – Focus on volunteerism and skill building that promotes healthy teen living. Volunteer projects: Foodshare, Habitat for Humanity at new Bloomfield home, Summer Relief Goodie Bags and visits with patrons at the Senior Center Café, Sundae and Game afternoon with 60 campers at Leisure Services and Police Appreciation Roll Call at the police department; including presentation of a proclamation and dessert/fruit platters and beverages for the department. Field trips to Lake Compounce, and Movie and Dinner Night Out. Two week camp for youth entering 9th-11th grade. Youth participant surveys rated the camp as an excellent experience.

7. Summer Special Events
  - a. New Britain Bees Baseball and Fireworks – 2 games. Twenty per game
  - b. Breakdancing Shakespeare at Hartford Stage – 30
  - c. Jim Calhoun Charity All Star Game at Mohegan Sun Arena – 30
  - d. Brunch and Movie Out – 20
8. Foster Care Support Network – Enjoyed a busy summer. In the process of hiring a new Foster Family Support Worker. Summer programming included; bowling, movie and lunch out, Launch Trampoline Park, Indian Notch Park at Bolton Lake, Breakdancing Shakespeare, Calhoun Charity Basketball Game, Six Flags and Back to School Family Dinner with school backpack/supplies distribution.
9. Juvenile Justice
  - a. Juvenile Review Board – 9 youth during the summer, 6 involved with community service at department food pantry. Worked hard and left pantry in tip top shape. Trip to Lake Compounce.
  - b. Prevention Programming with Police Department – Michell Waterman and Pat Maneggia met with Police Department Community Services members to plan for upcoming year. Plans underway for a bowling night out for youth, police, and staff from Youth Services. To be held on Friday night in late September. Recruitment for Police and Youth Community Crusaders will begin the second week of September. Youth in 6th-8th grade. First meeting to be held at the end of September. Two sessions will be offered this year, one from September – January and one from February – June.
10. Youth Action Club – Advisors to meet in September to begin recruitment process and set goals for upcoming year. Youth Action Club members serve as advisors for programs and services offered by the department. Involved in advocacy, fundraising, program planning, volunteerism and community involvement. Recruitment to begin late September, early October.
11. Fall Programs
  - a. BOO BASH – Third annual event is scheduled for Friday, October 21st from 6:30-9p.m. in the Youth Center. Collaborative with Leisure Services. Features trick-or treat stations decorated and sponsored by town departments, schools and the Alliance for Bloomfield's Children. Also provides free entertainment and refreshments. Motion made and carried for the Youth Adult Council to allocate up to \$500 for Boo Bash refreshments. Members requested that Pat Maneggia order YAC shirts that members may wear at events such as the Boo Bash.
  - b. UCONN Football – 16 tickets donated by DCF for the 9/1 game. Youth enjoyed the season opener win.
  - c. Plans underway for trips to Hartford Stage, The Bushnell, Judy Dworin Project, Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts, Boston Celtics game at Mohegan Sun Arena, UCONN basketball games and Mashantucket Pequot Museum.
12. New Business – None reported.
13. Motion made and carried to adjourn at 7:35p.m.